

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Response To Restriction Requirement

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 6, 2003, Applicants respectfully elect to prosecute the claims of Group II (claims 10-20) without traverse.

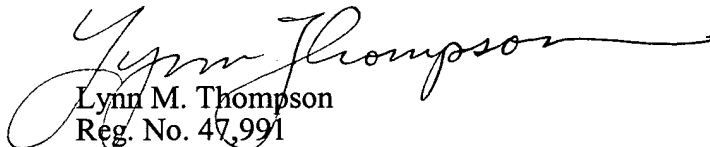
Added Claims

Applicants have added new claims 22-55. Claims 22-25 were previously introduced in the parent application, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,197,013, and were restricted together as a group with claims 10-20. Therefore, Applicants believe that these new claims are considered the same classification in the art as claims 10-20 and should be prosecuted together. In addition, Applicants have added new claims 26-55. Applicants believe that these new claims are also considered the same classification in the art as claims 10-20 and should be prosecuted together.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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